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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: ADMINISRTATOR PREDICTS INTERIM

GOVERNMENT THIS YEAR.

1. SPEAKING AT OPENING OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY AT WINDHOEK FEBRUARY 22, ADMINISTRATOR B.J. VAN
DER WALT TOLD THE ALL-WHITE GROUP THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN
PARLIAMENT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY PASS LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING
AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT FOR SWA. HE EXPECTED THE TURNHALLE TO PASS ITS
RECOMMENDATIONS TO PARLIAMENT IN MARCH, AND THAT AN
INTERIM GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE IN PLACE DURING THE SECOND HALF
OF THE YEAR. VAN DER WALT SAID THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WOULD
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THEN NEGOTIATE WITH THE SAG CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS OF FULL
INDEPENDENCE, WHICH HOPEFULLY MIGHT COME BY DECEMBER 31, 1978, AS
HAD BEEN CALLED FOR IN THE TURNHALLE STATEMENT IN AUGUST 1976.

2. THE ADMINISTRATOR, SENIOR SAG CIVIL SERVANT IN NAMIBIA,
SAID LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION HAD IMPROVED IN RECENT MONTHS.
SECURITY FORCES HAD SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTED SWAPO FROM

EXPANDING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

"DISSENSION AND REVOLT" WITHIN SWAPO HAD ALSO WEAKENED THAT ORGANIZATION. PROGRESS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE THROUGH TURNHALLE HAD CREATED BETTER ATMOSPHERE IN SWA, AND IMPORTANT LEADERS FORMERLY AFFILIATED WITH SWAPO HAD RETURNED TO ASSIST IN FINDING PEACEFUL POLITICAL SOLUTIONS. VAN DER WALT WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT A " DICTATORIAL MINORITY CLIQUE" IN SWAPO WITH MONEY AND WEAPONS FROM FOREIGN POWERS WAS OUT TO SUBJUGATE AND OPPRESS THE POPULATION.

3. ASSESSING THE SITUATION, SOME REPORTERS WROTE THAT A THREAT TO THE KIND OF MULTI-RACIAL INTERIM GOVERNMENT DESIRED BY BLACKS AND BROWNS STILL EXISTS. SWA NATIONAL PARTY LEADER A.H. DE PLESSIS MAY INSIST ON REFERENDUM WITHIN WHITE COMMUNITY ON TURNHALLE PROPOSALS. SINCE VOTE TENDS TO BE STACKED HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF SAG BY PRESENCE LARGE NUMBERS OF SAG

CIVIL SERVANTS AND RESIDENTS OF WALVIS BAY AREA WHO HAVE VOTE IN SWA, A REJECTION OF TURNHALLE PROPOSITIONS MIGHT RESULT IN IMPOSITION OF SAG-DESIGNED GOVERNMENT, AS PRIME MINISTER VORSTER STATED HE WOULD DO LAST NOVEMBER IF TURNHALLE FAILED TO REACH CONSENSUS. BOWDLER

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